Thermal power projects

1130. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether three thermal power projects including the 1000 MW project of National Thermal Power Corporation at Mouda near Nagpur, have been under consideration of the Central Government;

(b) if so, at what stage of approval the same stand at present; and

(c) the source of coal supplies identified therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Identification of potential sites for new thermal power projects is an on-going process in the NTPC. A site near Mouda in Nagpur district of Maharashtra has been, *prima-facie,* identified by NTPC for a 1000 MW (2x500 MW) thermal power project for conducting a pre-feasibility study. Coal supply to the project is envisaged from Western Collieries Ltd./Coal India Ltd.

New power distribution technique

1131. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technique SCADA system has been developed in the power sector to control the distribution of power from sub-stations and also for super monitoring and dissemination of power distribution related data;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where this new technique has been introduced; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be introduced in remaining States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The technique of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) already exists for controlling the distribution of power from sub-stations and also for monitoring and dissemination of power distribution related data. SCADA